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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT - JULY 1992

Total Rhode Island wage and salary jobs declined from June to July with decreases evident in both the Goods Producing and Service Producing sectors. The July job level of 411,600 represented a monthly decrease of 6,400 and was 6,600 below the prior year's figure of 418,200.

Overall employment among the Goods Producing industries dropped to 96,200 in July - down 2,900 from June and 6,200 on an annual basis. Contract Construction jobs increased by 100 to July's level of 12,400, but fell 1,800 from the July 1991 figure. Reflecting decreases primarily attributed to vacation-related closings, factory jobs declined 3,000 over the month to 83,800, which represented a reduction of 4,400 compared to a year ago.

Manufacturers of Durable Goods reported a downturn of 2,400 jobs from the previous month while employment in Nondurable Goods fell by 600. The largest monthly job cutbacks occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (-1,000), followed by Fabricated Metals and Textiles (-400 each). Monthly job reductions of 200 each occurred in Electrical Machinery, Instruments, and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

Payroll levels in Lumber/Furniture, Primary Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery, Transportation Equipment, Paper Products, Chemical Products, and Rubber Products decreased by 100 each from June. The only monthly job gain (+100) in the factory segment was recorded in Food/Beverage, while the five remaining factory segments - Stone-Clay-Glass, Apparel, Printing-Publishing, Plastics Products and Leather Products showed no change.

The July work week averaged 40.4 hours, down 0.6 of an hour from June, but up 1.2 hours from a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.89 per hour in July, an increase of nine cents from the prior month and a gain of eleven cents compared to July 1991.

The number of jobs in the Service Producing sector totalled 315,400 in July, showing a downturn of 3,500 from June's level and a decline of 400 from the July 1991 figure. Overall Government employment was down 3,400 from June to July (primarily due to a decline in education-related employment). A monthly decrease of 200 was posted in Wholesale/Retail Trade, while employment in Miscellaneous Services and Finance, Insurance & Real Estate showed no change. The only job gain (+100) for the month occurred in Transportation & Public Utilities.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate stood at 9.2 percent in July, it was announced today by Director John M. Robinson. This month's rate is down six-tenths of a percentage point from an estimated 9.8 percent in June, but up four-tenths of a percentage point compared to the July 1991 estimate. The state's unadjusted rate was unchanged from the prior month's level of 9.4 percent. The number of unemployed Rhode Island residents rose slightly (+200) over the month to 49,500 in July. One year ago the jobless total was estimated at 46,100 or 8.9 percent of the labor force.

Nationally, both the seasonally adjusted and unadjusted unemployment rates reflected monthly declines. The former estimate fell one-tenth of a percentage point to 7.7 percent, while the latter decreased two-tenths of a percentage point to an estimated 7.6 percent in July. One year ago the unemployment rates for the nation stood at 6.8 percent (seasonally adjusted) and 6.7 percent (unadjusted).

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	July 1992	June* 1992	July* 1991	
Civilian Labor Force	528.7	522.1	519.5	
Resident Employment	479.3	472.8	473.4	
Unemployment	49.5	49.3	46.1	
Rate (Unadjusted)	9.4	9.4	8.9	
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	9.2	9.8	8.8	*Revised

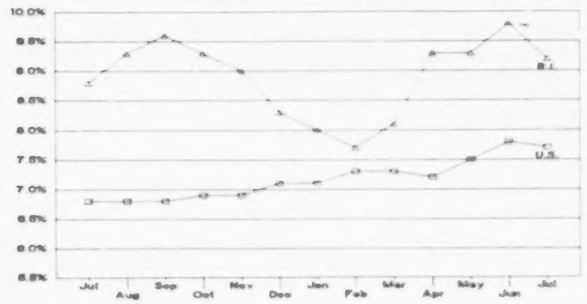
UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	July 1992	June 1992	July 1991
Civilian Labor Force	129,600	129,002	127,327
Resident Employment	119,754	118,907	118,751
Unemployment	9,845	10,095	8,576
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.6	7.8	6.7
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.7	7.8	6.8

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Seasonally Adjusted, July 91 - July 92



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands) July 1992	June 1992	July 1991	NET CHANGE FROM June 1992	July 1991
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	411.6	418.0	418.2	- 6400	- 6600
GOODS PRODUCING	96.2	99.1	102.4	- 2900	- 6200
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	12.4	12.3	14.2	+ 100	- 1800
MANUFACTURING	83.8	86.8	88.2	- 3000	- 4400
SERVICE PRODUCING	315.4	318.9	315.8	- 3500	- 400
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.7	14.6	14.6	+ 100	+ 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	88.0	88.2	90.5	- 200	- 2500
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	25.1	25.1	26.6	-----	- 1500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	129.3	129.3	126.7	-----	+ 2600
GOVERNMENT	58.3	61.7	57.4	- 3400	+ 900

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

JULY 1992

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	83.8	399.56	40.4	9.89
DURABLE MFG.	55.2	394.36	40.2	9.81
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.1	427.05	39.8	10.73
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.2	435.78	40.5	10.76
PRIMARY METALS	3.2	471.50	45.6	10.34
FABRICATED METALS	6.8	400.61	41.6	9.63
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.0	558.87	45.4	12.31
ELECTRICAL MACH.	4.3	377.86	38.4	9.84
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	5.7	458.85	39.9	11.50
INSTRUMENTS	5.8	443.91	40.1	11.07
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	16.3	311.12	38.6	8.06
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	4.8	338.15	37.2	9.09
NONDURABLE MFG.	28.6	408.44	40.6	10.06
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.9	382.39	42.3	9.04
TEXTILES	7.5	372.75	42.6	8.75
APPAREL	1.1	241.50	35.0	6.90
PAPER PRODUCTS	1.8	398.94	41.6	9.59
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.3	507.32	32.9	15.42
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.9	482.75	39.7	12.16
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.6	452.80	38.9	11.64
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	479.98	44.9	10.69
LEATHER PRODUCTS	1.4	265.69	38.9	6.83

Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded from the Establishment Employment figures. Current month figures are PRELIMINARY. Prior month and year figures are REVISED.